**High School Geography Curriculum Map**

**2010-2011 School Year**

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| **First Semester** | | | | **Second Semester** | | | |
| ***Unit 1***  **INTRODUCTION TO GEOGRAPHY**  -Five themes of geography  -Geography skills and basic terms (including map terms and skills)  -How external forces shape the Earth (flooding, etc.)  -How internal forces shape the Earth (tectonic activity, etc.)  -Climate and seasons  -Types of Vegetation  -Human geography (defining and identifying elements of culture, world religions, terminology and skills for studying population, economic types {primary, secondary, tertiary}, types of government, cultural diffusion) | ***Unit 2***  **NORTH AMERICA**  **(US & Canada)**  *\*United States:*  -Physical overview  -subregions  -history  -resources by region  -economic ventures by region  -impending issues  -NAFTA  -urban sprawl (megalopolis)  *\*Canada:*  -physical overview  -subregions: provinces and territories  -system of government  -history  -multiculturalism  -major resources  -role in global economy  -issues of concern | ***Unit 3***  **LATIN AMERICA**  *\*Mexico:*  -physical overview  -resources  -economic ventures  -urbanization  -issues of concern  *\*Central America & the Caribbean*  -physical overview  -cultural variety  -colonization  -effects of tourism  -impact of plantation agriculture  -impact of natural disasters  -issues of concern  *\*South America*  -physical overview  -urbanization: population & pollution concerns  -depletion of rain forest  -effects of colonization  -multiculturalism  -indigeneous peoples  -other issues of concern | ***Unit 4***  **EUROPE**  *\*General*  -European Union  -economic crisis  -Europe as a colonizing power  -historical legacy  -access to sea  -changing political boundaries  -issues of concern  *\*Mediterranean:*  -physical overview  -impending issues  -trade  -tourism  -role of climate and resources  *\*Western:*  -impact of industrialization  -issues of concern  -impact of immigration  *\*Northern:*  -physical overview  -environmental concerns (areas below sea level)  -other issues  *\*Eastern:*  -physical overview  -political unrest  -impact of wars  and new nations  -issues of concern  *\*Russia and The*  *Republics*  -regional conflicts  -impact of Cold War  -economic challenges  -impact of industrialization  -pollution & environmental concerns  -issues of concern | ***Unit 5***  **AFRICA**  *\*General*  -impact of colonization (struggle for independence)  -environmental issues (famine, water, desertification)  -role of natural resources in global economy  -challenges faced by developing countries  -cultural mosaic (religions, languages, ethnicities)  -impact of disease (AIDS, etc.)  -issues of concern  *\*East:*  -physical geography  -cultural diversity  -Civil War  -genocide  -refugees  *\*North:*  -physical geography  -climate  extremes  - impact of Islam  -cultural ties to SW Asia  -impact of oil  -refugees  *\*West:*  -physical geography  -deforestation  -historical legacy  (ancient kingdoms, slave trade, trade routes)  -political unrest  *\*Central:*  -physical geography  -genocide  -internal migration (refugees)  -deforestation  -mineral resources  *\*Southern Africa*  -apartheid  -impact of AIDS  -resources  -multiculturalism  -historical legacy | ***Unit 6***  **SOUTHWEST AND SOUTH ASIA**  *\*Southwest Asia*  -physical geography  -resources (impact of oil)  -historical legacy (birthplace of civilization, trade routes)  -current wars (Arab/Israeli conflict, Iraq, Afghanistan)  -role of Islam  -role of women  -economic gap  -importance of religion and culture  -religious conflict  -urbanization (rural to urban migration)  -variety of systems of gov’t  -hearth of monotheistic religions  -issues of concern  *\*South Asia*  -overview of physical features  -impact of monsoon climate  -population issues (challenges of India being world’s most populous democracy –  urbanization and overcrowding  -impact of colonization (British Empire)  -religious and cultural identity  -role of religion in political boundaries (Islam/Hinduism)  -linguistic diversity  -systems of gov’t  -terrorism  -emerging role in global economy (outsourcing)  -issues of concern | ***Unit 7***  **EAST AND SOUTHEAST ASIA**  *\*East Asia*  -physical geography and extremes of weather  -cultural identity  -historical legacy (ancient and more recent empires)  -recent governmental changes  -role of technology in global economy  -cultural diffusion (globalization, spread of pop culture, similarities and differences)  -role of East Asia in global economy  -megacities  -systems of gov’t (communism, emerging democracies)  -population issues  -economic emergence of Pacific Rim  -role of gov’t in economic and cultural policies (Korea)  -issues of concern  -impact of tectonic activities  *\*Southeast Asia*  -physical features – fragmentation due to island countries  -impact of tectonic activity (Ring of Fire)  -impact of European colonization  -religious and cultural diversity  -Vietnam War  -rural to urban migration  -trade and role in global economy  -issues of concern | ***Unit 8***  **AUSTRALIA, OCEANIA, ANTARCTICA**  -physical geography  -aborigines/ indigenous peoples  -legacy of British Empire (forced migration)  -unique flora and fauna  -effects of extreme weather  -fragmentation of island countries  -examples of environmental change (global warming, desertification, rising sea levels)  -issues of concern |
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| **Overarching Essential Questions** | | | | | | | |
| How does geography helps us understand our world?  How can we use geography?  Why do geographers use maps, and what do maps tell us?  How does the environment impact human behavior?  How does human behavior impact the environment?  Where in the world do people live, and why do they live there?  Where and why do people migrate? | How do cultures influence places and regions?  How do neighboring countries cooperate economically?  How do democratic systems of government impact the cultural, economic, and political lives of citizens?  What is the role that physical features and human geography play in the formation of regions? | How do history and colonialism impact the cultural mosaic of a region?  How does government react to challenges to its power?  How have earlier cultures influenced modern society?  How does urbanization impact the people and the environment of a region?  What is the role of natural resources in a region’s global economic connections? | What is the role of physical and human geography in regional conflicts?  What is the relationship between a region’s physical geography and its global involvement?  Why do regions form supranational organizations to cooperate economically and politically?  What is the role of historical events in the evolution of political boundaries? | What is the relationship between colonialism and the current political geography of a region?  What factors most impact a region’s economic development?  How do physical and human geography connect or separate people?  What is the relationship between migration and the physical and cultural geography of a region?  How does human activity impact a region’s environment? | What is the role of religion in political conflict and human interactions?  How do resources impact economic development?  What is the relationship between unique climate patterns and landforms and a people’s way of life?  What is the impact of globalization on developing economies? | How do various aspects of culture diffuse?  What pressures does population  growth put on the environment?  What are some benefits and consequences of global trade?  How do people respond to environmental challenges?  How does industrialization affect cities? | How do the activities of humans impact the earth’s land and atmosphere?  How does physical geography vary across the Earth? |